

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (presently amended) A lead-acid battery comprising positive and negative plates and a separator positioned between said positive and negative plates, said positive plates having a grid of an alloy comprising about 0.025% to 0.065% calcium, about 0.4% to 1.9% tin, about 0.02% to 0.045% silver, and the remainder lead, the percentages being by weight of the alloy, said grid being of an alloy strip [rolled at a temperature from about the solvus temperature up to less than the peritectic temperature of the alloy composition] comprising an  $\alpha$ -lead rich phase having a face centered cubic structure.
  
2. (presently amended) The battery of claim 9 1, wherein the rolled strip has been heat-aged at a temperature of about 200°F to 500°F for a time to increase the population of special grain boundaries in the rolled strip.